



## Memorandum

To: Provosts and Chief Academic Officers

From: Paula K. Compton, Ph.D., Associate Vice Chancellor

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Subject: Informational Survey: Horticulture CTAG

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**Background Information:** Each year the Ohio Department of Education (ODE)'s career-technical content standards are reviewed in different subject areas. At the same time, the learning outcomes of existing Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG) courses in the same area are reviewed to identify any necessary updates and to maintain alignment between ODE content standards and the CTAG courses. This revision process is conducted as a collaboration between ODE, the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE), and faculty at both secondary and post-secondary institutions.

In preparation for the upcoming revision of the Agriculture content standards and CTAG courses, ODHE staff are seeking to gather preliminary information from faculty experts (1) to determine which existing CTAG courses may be in need of significant updates and (2) to ensure that we have current data on institutional courses that align to the CTAG learning outcomes. The data provided in this survey will help guarantee that we can most effectively support the students of Ohio.

**What We Need from You:** This memo addresses the need to gather data on the learning outcomes of the current Horticulture CTAG courses and the courses taught at Ohio public colleges and universities that align to them. The Horticulture CTAG includes the following courses:

- Floral Design and Marketing
- Landscape Maintenance
- Equipment Operation and Maintenance
- Plant and Horticulture Science
- Turf-Grass Management

Please arrange to have an appropriate faculty member at your institution complete the survey as soon as possible, **but no later than Thursday, May 5**. We are collecting **only one representative** response per institution.

Jim Uphaus of Rhodes State College serves as the faculty expert who will be compiling and reviewing the data from this survey.



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The online survey is available through the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLMML9M>

The attached PDF of the survey is for reference only. Please use the included link to complete the survey. Thank you for your assistance with this important matter.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Ben Parrot, Senior Associate Director of SCTAI Implementation, at [bparrot@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:bparrot@highered.ohio.gov).

Attachment 1